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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED: LETTER TO TURKISH MINISTER OF JUSTICE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED MARCH 29 FROM JEROME I. LEVINSON, CHIEF COUNSEL, SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY TO THE TURKISH MINISTER OF JUSTICE REGARDING LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS INVOLVING TRANSACTIONS IN TURKEY. ORIGINAL OF LETTER HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED THROUGH TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IF LETTER HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, PLEASE PROVIDE TEXT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

BEGIN TEXT. THE HONORABLE ISMAIL MUFTUOGLU, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY. DEAR SIR: AT THE REQUEST OF LOCKHEED AND ITS AGENT, NEZIH DURAL, THIS IS TO OFFICIALLY CONFIRM THE SUBSTANCE OF MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8, 1977, ADDRESSED TO LOCKHEED'S WASHINGTON COUNSEL, MR. ROGER A. CLARK. MY LETTER TO MR. CLARK STATES IN PART AS FOLLOWS:
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QTE. THE HEARING RECORD INDICATES THAT MR. DURAL WAS PAID A TOTAL OF DOLS 876,000 "IN 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT" IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF F-104'S SPARES BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. INFORMATION PROVIDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE LOCKHEED CORPORATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER INDICATES THAT IN FACT MR. DURAL HAD RECEIVED A

TOTAL OF ONLY DOLS 634,781.64. THE REMAINDER WAS PROJECTED PAYMENTS THAT HAD IN FACT NOT BEEN MADE. A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS ALREADY IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S POSSESSION HAS REVEALED NOTHING THAT WOULD CONTRADICT LOCKHEED'S CLARIFICATION OF THE SUMS ACTUALLY PAID TO MR. DURAL.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED WILL BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM THE PROPER TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS TAKING THIS ACTION TO CLARIFY THE RECORD. UNQTE.

THIS IS FURTHER TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS BY LOCKHEED IN TURKEY IS CLOSED AND THAT ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PAYMENTS BY LOCKHEED TO MR. DURAL HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTS REGARDING LOCKHEED'S TRANSACTIONS WITH MR. DURAL. SINCERELY YOURS, JEROME I. LEVINSON, CHIEF COUNSEL, SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY (FORMERLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS).
END TEXT.
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